

Comment Letters

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Hi.

I wanted to comment on the new conservation rules being proposed.

It's definitely too early to reduce conservation efforts - even by the proposed 4% for some cases. I've read that we will need up to 7 years of good rain to make up for this drought. We are also seeing drought and ground water issues throughout the world.

Water suppliers will find most likely find population increase as a loop hole in most areas of the state. I live in the Bear Gulf Water District where I use only 2-3 CCF per month but the districts monthly average is 24CCF due to water wasters in Atherton, CA whose lawns are always green and build new homes and put in sod. These people water their lawns at 10am daily and just ignore the restrictions cause the fines are not high enough. However, this district could request a reduced conservation due to population growth in redwood city.

In addition - I hope we add tougher restrictions on farmers who continue to flood the fields and tap into our ground water. They should be forced to adopt the same water efficiencies used in Israel - specifically drip irrigation -even if it requires state support.

Please think of the future and don't relax water conservation rules.

Sue